

within the possession or control of United States persons; and

(3) Any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by the Central Bank of Iraq, or held, maintained, or otherwise controlled by any financial institution of any kind in the name of, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq.

(b) The prohibitions in paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply with respect to any final judgment arising out of a contractual obligation entered into by the Government of Iraq, including any agency or instrumentality thereof, after June 30, 2004.

§ 576.207 Exemption for property controlled by the military forces of the United States and their coalition partners in Iraq.

The prohibitions in § 576.201(a)(1) and (a)(2) shall not apply to property and interests in property that come under the control of the military forces of the United States and their coalition partners present in Iraq and acting in their official capacity under the command or operational control of the commander of United States Central Command.

§ 576.208 Prohibited transactions related to certain Iraqi cultural property.

Unless licensed or otherwise authorized pursuant to this part or otherwise consistent with U.S. law, the trade in or transfer of ownership or possession of Iraqi cultural property or other items of archeological, historical, cultural, rare scientific, and religious importance that were illegally removed, or for which a reasonable suspicion exists that they were illegally removed, from the Iraq National Museum, the National Library, and other locations in Iraq since August 6, 1990, is prohibited.

NOTE TO § 576.208: See § 576.411 for interpretive guidance on this section. Questions concerning whether particular Iraqi cultural property or other items are subject to this section should be directed to the Cultural Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State, tel. 202-632-6301, fax 202-632-6300, Web site <http://culturalheritage.state.gov>, e-mail culprop@state.gov.

§ 576.209 Exempt transactions.

(a) *Personal communications.* The prohibitions contained in § 576.201(a)(3) do not apply to any postal, telegraphic, telephonic, or other personal communication that does not involve the transfer of anything of value.

(b) *Information or informational materials.* (1) The importation from any country and the exportation to any country of any information or informational materials, as defined in § 576.306, whether commercial or otherwise, regardless of format or medium of transmission, are exempt from the prohibitions of § 576.201(a)(3).

(2) This section does not exempt from regulation or authorize transactions related to information or informational materials not fully created and in existence at the date of the transactions, or to the substantive or artistic alteration or enhancement of informational materials, or to the provision of marketing and business consulting services. Such prohibited transactions include, but are not limited to, payment of advances for information or informational materials not yet created and completed (with the exception of prepaid subscriptions for widely circulated magazines and other periodical publications); provision of services to market, produce or co-produce, create, or assist in the creation of information or informational materials; and, with respect to information or informational materials imported from persons whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a)(3), payment of royalties with respect to income received for enhancements or alterations made by U.S. persons to such information or informational materials.

(3) This section does not exempt or authorize transactions incident to the exportation of software subject to the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774, or to the exportation of goods, technology, or software for use in the transmission of any data, or to the provision, sale, or leasing of capacity on telecommunications transmission facilities (such as satellite or terrestrial network connectivity) for use in the transmission of any data. The exportation of

such items or services and the provision, sale, or leasing of such capacity or facilities to a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a) are prohibited.

(c) *Travel*. The prohibitions contained in § 576.201(a)(3) do not apply to any transactions ordinarily incident to travel to or from any country, including importation of accompanied baggage for personal use, maintenance within any country including payment of living expenses and acquisition of goods or services for personal use, and arrangement or facilitation of such travel including nonscheduled air, sea, or land voyages.

Subpart C—General Definitions

§ 576.301 Blocked account; blocked property.

The terms *blocked account* and *blocked property* shall mean:

(a) (1) Any account or property subject to the prohibitions in § 576.201(a) held in the name of a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a), or in which such person has an interest, or

(2) Any account or property subject to the prohibitions in § 576.201(b), and

(b) With respect to which payments, transfers, exportations, withdrawals, or other dealings may not be made or effected except pursuant to an authorization or license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control expressly authorizing such action.

NOTE TO § 576.301: See § 576.412 concerning the blocked status of property and interests in property of an entity that is 50 percent or more owned by a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a).

§ 576.302 Development Fund for Iraq.

The term *Development Fund for Iraq* means the fund established on or about May 22, 2003, on the books of the Central Bank of Iraq, by the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority responsible for the temporary governance of Iraq and all accounts held for the fund or for the Central Bank of Iraq in the name of the fund.

§ 576.303 Effective date.

The term *effective date* refers to the effective date of the applicable prohibitions and directives contained in this part as follows:

(a) With respect to a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a)(1), 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (“e.d.t.”), August 29, 2003, for those persons listed on the Annex to Executive Order 13315, and 12:01 a.m., e.d.t., July 30, 2004, for those persons added to the Annex to Executive Order 13315 by Executive Order 13350;

(b) With respect to a person whose property and interests in property are otherwise blocked pursuant to § 576.201(a)(2) or (a)(3), the earlier of the date of actual or constructive notice that such person’s property and interests in property are blocked;

(c) With respect to the transactions prohibited by § 576.206(a)(1) and (a)(2), 12:01 a.m. e.d.t., May 23, 2003;

(d) With respect to the transactions prohibited by § 576.206(a)(3), 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (“e.s.t.”), November 30, 2004.

(e) With respect to the transactions prohibited by § 576.201(b) or § 576.208, 12:01 a.m. e.d.t., July 30, 2004.

§ 576.304 Entity.

The term *entity* means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup or other organization.

§ 576.305 Former Iraqi regime.

The term *former Iraqi regime* means the Saddam Hussein regime that governed Iraq until on or about May 1, 2003.

§ 576.306 Information or informational materials.

(a) For purposes of this part, the term *information or informational materials* includes, but is not limited to, publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, microfiche, tapes, compact disks, CD ROMs, artworks, and news wire feeds.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF § 576.307: To be considered information or informational materials, artworks must be classified under